

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A requesting computer system accesses an identifier, which is representative of services (such as electronic mail or news groups) that will be consumed by consumer modules included in a consuming computer system. The identifier may be received at a configuration computer system that contains configuration information associated with the consumer modules. Receiving the identifier causes a search of the configuration information contained in the configuration computer system. As a result of the search, the configuration computer system may identify configuration information associated with the network services that will be consumed. A configuration computer system may identify configuration information associated with itself or other external services providers. The configuration computer system causes the identified configuration information to be sent to the consuming computer system. The modules that consume the services may be configured in a manner that reduces the manual entry of configuration information.

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